



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

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The Honorable Robert Hertzberg  
Chair, Senate Natural Resource Committee  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: SB 58 (McGuire) – as introduced December 12, 2016 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports SB 58 by Senator Mike McGuire, a measure related to payment-in-lieu of taxes (PILT).

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 58, legislation that would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to make PILT payment commencing with the 2018–19 fiscal year.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) operates wildlife management areas throughout the state. Existing law (Fish and Game Code §1504) allows DFW to compensate counties for loss property taxes and assessments as a result of the establishment of a wildlife management area.

PILT payments are equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time the state acquired the property plus any assessments levied upon the property by any irrigation, drainage, or reclamation district.

SB 58 would reverse a change in PILT statute that makes the program permissive rather than required. The 2015-16 final State Budget Package changed Fish and Game Code Section 1504 to make State PILT payments permissive by changing the 'shall' pay to 'may' pay. SB 58 will return the 'may' back to 'shall.'

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 58. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
First District Supervisors  
County of San Bernardino

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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